

Regional Service Council Minutes Region #12

Meeting Date: October 19, 2015
Meeting Location: Fayette County DCS Conference Room
Meeting Chair: Kelly Owens
Meeting Secretary: Myrna Baldwin

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Council Members Present: Mark Munchel, Kathy Hobson and Hannah Robinson, Fayette County DCS; Bill Ammerman, Rush County DCS;

Council Members Absent: Karen Bowen, Wayne County CASA; Catherine McNamara, Union County DCS; Judge Beth Butsch, Fayette County Circuit Court; Kelly Broyles, Wayne County DCS; Judge Brian Hill, Rush Superior Court; and Judge Mary Willis, Henry County Circuit Court.

Others In Attendance: Bob Daugherty, DCS Regional Finance Manager; Megan Lammert, DCS Regional Coordinator; Lisa Felsman, Centerstone; Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau; Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation; Amanda Wilson, Jacy House; Stephen Groce, Choices; Norm Smith, Wernle; Debbie Branfield, Crossroad Child and Family Services; Ryan Siggers, Fayette County Probation; and Emily Williamson, Meridian.

Meeting Minutes

I. Welcome, Introductions, Approval of Minutes

- a) Meeting agenda distributed, introductions made.
- b) Susan Lightfoot, Henry County Probation, serving as proxy for Judge Mary Willis.

II. Approval of Minutes

Mark Munchel moved to approve the minutes from the April 2015, meeting. Bill Ammerman seconded the motion which was passed with no opposing votes. Minutes approved.

III. Community Partners for Child Safety

The *Community Partners for Child Safety* report was distributed. Carl Scheib reporting third quarter referrals are down from 210 in the second quarter to 175 for the third. Scheib would like to meet with staff at the local DCS offices to speak about Community Partners and the services offered.

- Third quarter referrals total 175;
- Material relief funds noted;
- Outcomes- Continuing to meet/exceed all outcomes;

- Smoke detectors are still available
- Events:
 - Part 2- Working with families when substance abuse is an issue- 85 in attendance for the program; reviews have been great;
 - St Michael's coat drive in progress now, coats will be available the first part of November;
 - Naomi Griffith workshop- 120 in attendance; positive reviews
 - October 27, 2015- Children's' Fall Festival and Halloween in Roberts Park; 6pm-8pm in the gym; 23 providers to set up; games, activities, hayrides, candy. This is for Fayette County only, but the invitation was given for those present to attend and bring their children.
 - October 30, 2015- Provider Fair at New Heights Church from 10:30am – 1:30pm 30 providers in attendance- all having contracts with the State of Indiana; drawings every half hour.

IV. Regional Coordinator Report

Owens introduced Megan Lammert as Region 12's Regional Services Coordinator. Lammert reported the coordinators are working on the Biennial Plan at the present time.

V. Regional Financial Manager Report

Bob Daugherty reported that we are three months in for State Fiscal Year 2016; budget allocations have not been received. Daugherty stated to date, expenditures are at \$2.7 million compared to \$2.6 million last year for the same time period. Child Welfare has an increase of 39% and Probation, 32%. This increase could be contributed, in part, to an increase in provider rates, but the consensus was that it is due to the increasing number of children needing services. Owens noted there are more residential placements, but we as an agency are doing a better job of identifying who needs those services.

VI. Other Business

Owens informed the council of the planning committees for the Biennial Plan. Anyone interested in participating was instructed to contact the leads for each team.

VII. Public Comment

No public comment.

VIII. Unfinished Business

On July 15, 2015, Carl Scheib, Children's Bureau, submitted a request to the Council through an email to Council Chair, Kelly Owens. An electronic request for voting was issued to council members on July 16, 2015.

On August 10, 2015, with a majority of votes cast, the proposal was adopted as follows:

That the Council agrees to give the \$7000.00 previously approved for the HOPE and Stayin' Alive programs to the Children's Bureau. The Children's Bureau would make and track all purchases made on

behalf of these organizations. The HOPE and Stayin' Alive programs are in agreement that this would be the most efficient way to ensure the "goods" are purchased in a timely manner.

Ammerman brought forth the motion to enter the abovementioned vote into the minutes, Hobson seconded and the vote was entered with none opposing.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on January 11, 2016, at 3:30pm, at the Fayette County Local DCS Office.